

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is in response to the official action dated June 23, 2009. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

As a preliminary remark, Applicant notes that PTOL-326, the Office Action Summary Sheet, still indicates that the drawings as submitted on January 4, 2005 are objected to by the Examiner. Applicant would like to bring to the attention of the Examiner that a replacement drawing sheet was submitted with the last Amendment that is, on December 23, 2008. Applicant requests that the Examiner acknowledge such submission. Applicant believes that the drawings have been corrected and such submission was made in good faith.

Status of claims: Currently, claims 1-6 are canceled and claims 7-10 are amended.

Allowable subject matter:

The Examiner indicated that claim 9 is allowable. In order to expedite prosecution, Applicant has amended claim 9 to bring the claim into independent form, including the subject matter of claim 6, which is now canceled. Claims 7, 8 and 10 were amended such that these claims now also depend on claim 9. Accordingly, claims 7-10 are now allowable. It is respectfully submitted that the case should now go to issue.


CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

Respectfully submitted,
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